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## Boat carrying undocumented migrants sinks off N.Cyprus

19 reported dead, 103 rescued, 25 missing, rescue operation ongoing in Mediterranean

LEFKOSA - At least 19 undocumented migrants drowned after their boat sank off the coast of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in the Mediterranean Sea on Wednesday, officials said. Northern Cypriot Coast Guard teams said 103 of the migrants were rescued, while 25 of them are reported missing off the coast of the town of Yeni Erenkoy.

Coast guard teams from Turkey also took part in the search and rescue, as the area is in Turkey's rescue zone as well. The rescued migrants were brought to Turkey. According to the UN's International Organization for Migration, more than 1,400 illegal migrants have died in the Mediterranean since the beginning of 2018. **MORE DETAILS**



## Kilicdaroglu to pay fine for claims on Erdogan

ISTANBUL - A court in Istanbul on Wednesday ordered Turkey's main opposition leader to pay a fine for his claims that the Turkish president and people close to him made illicit money transfers to the Isle of Man, a British crown dependency.

The Anadolu 20th Civil Court of First Instance ordered Republican People's Party (CHP) head Kemal Kilicdaroglu to pay a total of 359,000 Turkish liras (around \$75,000) for immaterial damages to Recep Tayyip Erdogan and individuals close... **MORE DETAILS**

## Gaza's incendiary kite-flyers defy Israeli threats



By Nour Abu Aisha

GAZA CITY - A group of Palestinian activists in the Gaza Strip who have been flying incendiary kites and balloons into Israeli territory say they

will continue their activities -- despite Israeli threats -- until the 11-year blockade of Gaza is lifted. "Since morning, our units have been steering flaming kites and balloons over Israeli-occupied territory to show that

we don't take orders from anyone," the Sons of al-Zawari -- a self-proclaimed "brigade" of Palestinian kite flyers -- said in a Wednesday statement. "We will continue our peaceful resistance until our demands... **MORE DETAILS**



## TIKA helps Serbian security with job training

ANKARA - Turkey's state aid agency has given job training to 16 members of the Serbian security forces, the agency said Wednesday. The Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) said the training was provided in Serbia's capital Belgrade as part of the

International Police Training Cooperation Project. Designed for coordination and experience-sharing among Turkey and others, the project was jointly conducted by the Turkish Security Directorate. A total of 16 border security personnel... **MORE DETAILS**

## Rohingya refugees want to return to Myanmar as citizens

By Safvan Allahverdi

WASHINGTON - Myanmar's minority Muslim Rohingya refugees told a UN envoy that they are willing to return to Myanmar if their safety and citizenship are provided, according to a UN statement Tuesday. The statement came following the UN Envoy for Myanmar Christine Schraner Burgener's first official visit to the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh... **MORE DETAILS**



## Pakistan: What lies ahead for Shehbaz Sharif?

By Aamir Latif

LAHORE - These are testing times for Shehbaz Sharif, who now heads the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). In an e-mail interview with Anadolu Agency prior to the July 25 general election, Shehbaz Sharif alleged pre-poll rigging and a media blackout, and vowed to mend civil-military relations if he comes to power. Shehbaz Sharif was three-time chief minister of

Punjab, the most populous and prosperous province of Pakistan. He is proud of what he has done for Lahore, the provincial capital, investing heavily in its infrastructure and initiating the first metro line. But Shehbaz Sharif, like a loyal brother always shadowed Nawaz Sharif, who dealt with gruelling politics at the national front. With the older Sharif, the former prime minister, serving 10 years in prison and disqualified... **MORE DETAILS**

