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Turkish vice president marks anniversary of Cyprus op

LEFKOSA - Turkish vice president on Friday marked the 44th anniversary of Turkey's military operation launched to protect Turkish population in northern Cyprus. Known as "Cyprus Peace Operation", the massive military operation was launched with the aim of protecting Turkish Cypriots from inter-communal violence that had broken out on the island. "[It is] the most honorable day of the struggle for a right to Turkish Cypriots' freedom and to continue their existence as the equal owner

of the island," Vice President Fuat Oktay said at an event marking the 44th anniversary of the operation in Lefkosa. Oktay said the Turkish army used its rights under international agreements to protect Turks in Cyprus. "[Turkey] failed their attempts to eradicate the Turkish Cypriots and to remove them from the history scene. "That day, Turkey, as a guarantor, showed to the whole world that it will continue to stand by Turkish Cypriots no matter what." He said the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey's July exports seem to rise over 20 percent

July's export figure important to catch country's target of \$173 billion for 2018, head of exporters' assembly says

By Tuba Sahin

ANKARA - Turkey's exports in July seem to rise over 20 percent and reach highest July figure ever, head of Turkish Exporters' Assembly (TIM) said on Friday. "Turkey's July exports will be important

step to catch country's export target of \$173 billion for 2018," Ismail Gulle told Anadolu Agency's Finance Desk. He predicted that Turkey's exports will surpass its target with prospering performance in coming months. Gulle underlined that Turkey... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Palestinian experts slam Israel's 'Jewish State' law

By Qais Abu Samra

RAMALLAH - Israel's "Jewish Nation-State" law promises to usher in a new phase of anti-Arab discrimination and will further undermine the Middle East peace process, Palestinian experts say. Speaking to Anadolu Agency, Palestinian political analyst Talal Okal said the law is based on the erroneous Zionist notion of "a

land without a people for a people without a land". As a result of the legislation, Okal said, "Palestinians in Israel will be subject to increased discrimination while the collective displacement of Palestinians [from their land] will only accelerate". The new law, he went on to warn, "will only serve to legitimize the eviction of... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Army marks 44th anniversary of Cyprus peace op



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ANKARA - Turkish Armed Forces on Friday marked the 44th anniversary of Turkey's military operation conducted to protect northern Cyprus's Turkish population. Friday marks July 20 Peace and Freedom Day in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which commemorates

Turkey's 'Cyprus Peace Operation' -- a huge military intervention to protect Turkish Cypriots from inter-communal violence which struck the island in 1974. In a Twitter post, the military wrote: "We commemorate our martyrs and veterans with mercy and gratitude on the 44th anniversary of Cyprus's Happy Peace

Operation." It also released a video showing the operation conducted 44 years ago. Turkey's Foreign Affairs Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu took to Twitter to commemorate the martyrs. "On the 44th anniversary of Cyprus Peace Operation... [MORE DETAILS](#)



German Chancellor Angela Merkel

NSU murders 'very dark stain' in German history

By Ayhan Simsek

BERLIN - The neo-Nazi killing spree by the NSU is "a very dark stain" in Germany's history, Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Friday, and promised to continue efforts to uncover facts about these murders. Merkel made the remarks during her annual press conference, amid heavy criticism from families of far-right terror victims. "How could such horrible, such complicated acts happen and not timely detected by the relevant authorities, and could not be resolved for a long time," she said. "Without doubt, this is a very dark stain in the history of

Germany. One cannot simply close this chapter," she added. The shadowy National Socialist Underground (NSU) killed 8 Turkish immigrants, a Greek citizen and a German police officer, between 2000 and 2007, but the murders had long remained unresolved. After a five-year-long trial, a Munich court last week handed a life sentence to the main suspect Beate Zschaepe and gave lighter sentences to four other neo-Nazis, but families of the victims expressed disappointment with the verdict and said the trial has left many key questions unanswered. The families also... [MORE DETAILS](#)