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## Turkey got serious global support on US move



Latest moves by the US against Turkey opened the world's eyes, says foreign minister

By Meryem Goktas and Sena Guler

ANKARA - Amid its tensions with the U.S., Turkey has gotten huge support from across the world, Turkey's foreign minister said on Wednesday.

"These events have opened the eyes of the world," Mevlut Cavusoglu

told a joint press conference with his Sudanese counterpart Al-Dirdiri Mohamed Ahmed at the 10th Ambassadors' Conference in the capital Ankara.

Cavusoglu said that the international community saw the U.S.

"disrespectful attitude towards all countries" since the present... MORE DETAILS

### disappointed' by US stance on pastor

Turkey 'deeply

By Merve Aydogan and Kubra Chohan

ANKARA - Presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin on Wednesday expressed Turkey's "deep disappointment" over the U.S. stance on the detention of American pastor Andrew Brunson.

"If we are to mention any disappointment, we can say that Turkey is experiencing a deep disappointment in terms of its national

interests," Kalin told reporters at a weekly press briefing at the Presidential complex in capital Ankara. "It is our expectation that the problems be solved as soon as possible. The U.S. administration must be respectful toward the judicial processes in Turkey," Kalin said. His remarks came after the White House spokeswoman expressed Washington's "frustration"... MORE DETAILS



#### Turkey raises tariffs on US-origin products

ANKARA - Turkey has increased tariffs on several U.S.-origin products, including alcohol and tobacco products and cars, according to a new presidential decree published early Wednesday in the official gazette. Under the decree, Turkey will raise tariffs to 100 percent on imports of the products. The new decree amends a presidential decree on July

"Tax rates on imports of some products have been increased on a reciprocal basis against the U.S. administration's deliberate attacks on our economy," Vice President Fuat Oktay



said on Twitter. Among the products are cars, rice, some alcohol and tobacco products and some cosmetic products like sun

creams. On Friday, Turkey's Foreign Ministry said Turkey would retaliate against the raising of steel and aluminum tariffs

by the U.S. administration. Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hami Aksoy said on Twitter that President Donald Trump's decision, which also violates World Trade Organization rules, does not comply with "state seriousness".

Trump ramped up his attack on Turkey by raising steel and aluminum tariffs to 50 percent and 20 percent respectively.

The U.S. decision is another salvo in the growing dispute between Turkey and the U.S. Last week, a Turkish delegation returned from Washington with... MORE DETAILS

#### Turkey expects 400,000 tourists from China in 2018

ANKARA - A record number of over 400,000 Chinese tourists will have visited Turkey in 2018, said the Turkish ambassador to Beijing on Wednesday.

The number of Chinese tourists who have visited Turkey in the first four months of 2018 is up by 97 percent from last year, Abdulkadir Emin Onen told Anadolu Agency.

Onen said that the number of Chinese companies in Turkey exceeded 1,000, including major banks such as Bank of China and the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), as well as technology giant Huawei.

China was making important investments in a largescale area -- from the Balkans to Africa, to the Middle East -- and that Turkey had great opportunities to cooperate for a win-win situation, according to the envoy.

"We have taken action to create special zones in some Turkish provinces for investors coming from China. For example, we [put in place]... MORE DETAILS



## Unemployment slips to 9.7 pct in May

By Tuba Sahin

ANKARA - Turkey's unemployment rate dropped to 9.7 percent in May, down 0.5 percentage points compared to same month last year, the country's statistical authority announced on Wednesday.

The Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) said the number of unemployed persons aged 15 years and above -- 3.1 million last May -- slipped by 89,000 year-onyear.

Official data also showed that non-agricultural unemployment decreased 0.6 percentage points to 11.6 percent during the same period.

The youth unemployment rate, including persons aged 15-24, was 17.8 percent, down 2 percentage points on

a yearly basis in May. TurkStat said unemployment for the 15-64 age group was also down 0.5 percentage points to 9.9 percent in the same period.

In May, employment rate

rose by 0.4 percentage point from the same month last year up to 48.1 percent. "The number of employed persons rose by 650,000 to 29.1 million persons in the period of May 2018 compared with the same period of the previous year," TurkStat said.

The labor force participation rate was also up by 0.3 percentage point yearon-year, going up to 53.3 percent in the month. Official figures showed that the labour force participation rate for males was flat at 72.6 percent and for females it was 34.4 percent... MORE DETAILS