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# Turkish, French presidents discuss economic ties

*Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Emmanuel Macron agree to have their economy ministers to meet at earliest opportunity*

ANKARA - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron spoke over the phone on Thursday about economic and financial ties, according to presidential sources. The two leaders agreed to have Turkey's Treasury and

Finance Minister Berat Albayrak meet with his French counterparts at the earliest opportunity, said the sources, who asked not to be named due to restrictions on speaking to the media. Erdogan and Macron also stressed that it is important to develop economic... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## Germany: Turkish economy important

*By Tuba Sahin*

ANKARA - The Turkish economy is of great importance for both Germany and the EU, Germany Finance Minister Olaf Scholz said Thursday, according to Turkish ministerial sources. Turkish Finance Minister Berat Albayrak and his German counterpart Olaf Scholz spoke over the phone

about the U.S. sanctions and steps taken against Turkey's economy, according to a statement from the ministry. The two ministers have agreed to take steps to enhance economic ties. Albayrak said that support offered to Turkey proved promising for positive relations with the EU. The two ministers decided to meet in Berlin on Sept. 21, according to the... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Most wanted PKK terrorist abroad 'neutralized'



*By Kemal Karadag and Sarp Ozer*

ANKARA -Turkey "neutralized" a most-wanted PKK/KCK terrorist in an operation in northern Iraq, the Turkish General Staff said on Wednesday. Turkish authorities often use the word "neutralized" in their statements to imply the terrorists in question either surrendered or were killed or captured. Turkish Army said on Twitter that PKK/KCK's senior figure of Sinjar town, Ismail Ozden -- codenamed Mam Zeki Sengali -- was neutralized in a joint operation by Turkish Armed Forces and intelligence in

Sinjar. It is reported that Ozden, 66, is the first PKK/KCK terrorist in the red-category "neutralized" by Turkey in an operation abroad. The wanted list is divided into five color-coded categories, with red as the most wanted followed by blue, green, orange and grey. In its more than 30-year terror campaign against Turkey, the PKK -- listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the U.S. and the EU -- has been responsible for the death of some 40,000 people. The operation was named after Bedirhan Mustafa Karakaya... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Turkey's helping hand reaches beyond borders

*By Tuba Sahin*

ANKARA -The charity group of Turkey's top religious authority always stands ready to help those in need, wherever they are, without regard to borders, according to the group's head.

"We don't have any borders in our minds, as wherever there are needy people we're making the utmost efforts to reach them and give them aid and support," Mehmet Savas Polat, the head of the Turkiye Diyanet Foundation, told Anadolu Agency in an... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Uzbekistan calls for Turkish investments



ADANA - The head of the Uzbekistan Agriculture Commission has extolled the benefits of investing in his country before Turkish investors. Kemal Abdullaev on Thursday wished for warmer relations in every field of trade and investment with Turkey. "With zero customs duty, we, as Uzbekistan, together with neighboring countries,

have a market with a population of 350 million people," Abdullaev said in the informative meeting organized by the Adana Chamber of Commerce (ATO). Noting that operating costs were very low in Uzbekistan, he added that people, who would invest in Uzbekistan's agriculture would benefit from a "free land rent" opportunity. [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Death toll from India floods reaches 67



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