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Russian fighter jets hit targets in Idlib

Warplanes target residential areas and opposition frontlines, local sources say

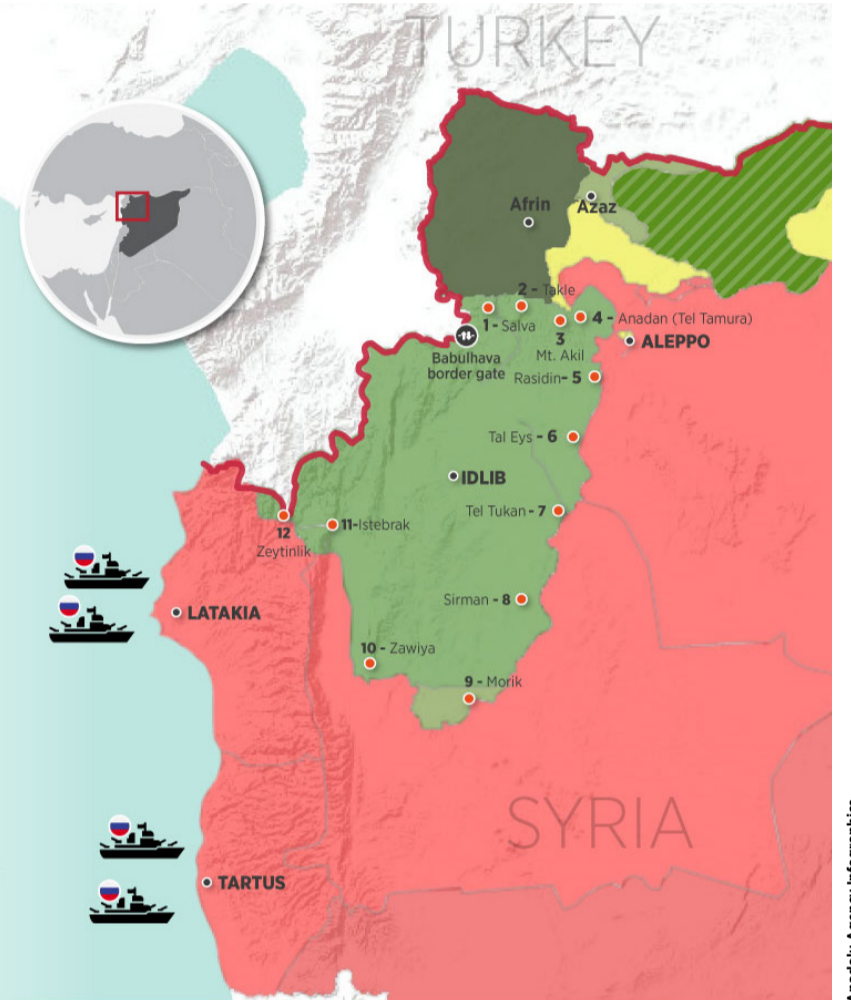
IDLIB - Russian warplanes have been hitting targets at many civilian residential areas and the frontlines of the opposition in Syria's northwestern Idlib province. According to local sources, the fighter jets attacked west of Idlib and north of Hama on Tuesday noon. The sources said the warplanes hit civilian

residential areas in Jisr al-Shughur City; areas of Basanqul, Ghani, Innab, Sirmaniyah, west of Idlib; Zayzun area, north of Hama; as well as the opposition's frontlines. According to a Syrian opposition aircraft observatory, so far a total of 20 attacks were carried out by three Russian warplanes,

which took off from Hmeimim airbase. As the attacks continue, the number of casualties are unknown. U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday warned against Assad regime's possible attacks in Idlib urging Iran and Russia not to make "a grave humanitarian mistake" by taking part... **MORE DETAILS**

- Civilians living in Syria's northwestern Idlib province, fearing a possible assault by the Assad regime and its allies
- Major assault by the regime and its allies would prompt a number of refugees to flee to Turkey and Europe
- Located near the Turkish border, Idlib is home to more than three million Syrians, many of whom fled from other cities following earlier attacks by regime forces
- In May, Idlib was designated a "de-escalation zone" -- in which acts of aggression are expressly forbidden -- as part of ongoing peace talks in Kazakh capital Astana

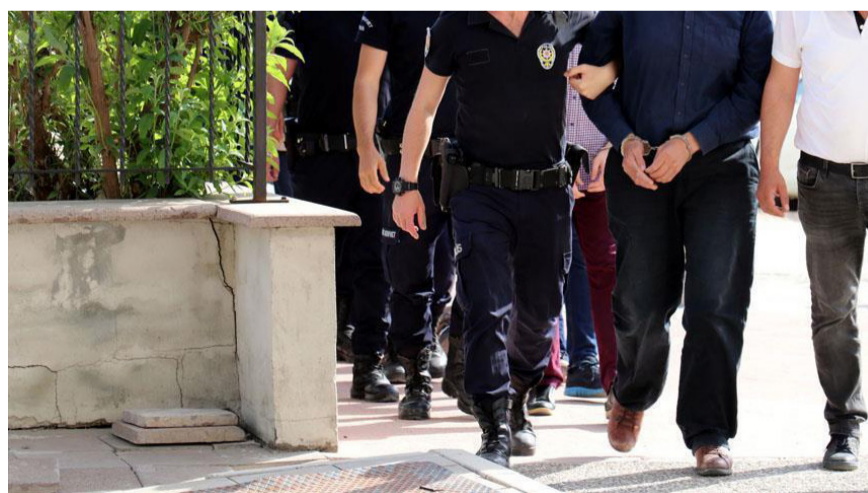
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Turkey deploys more tanks to Syrian border

KILIS - Turkey deployed more military vehicles to its southeastern province of Kilis near the Syrian border early Tuesday. A total of eight trucks loaded with tanks and howitzers passed through Kilis and in the direction of Elbeyli

district on the Syrian border, according to an Anadolu Agency correspondent in the field. The military vehicles were transferred under security measures to troops on the Syrian side of the border, according to... **MORE DETAILS**



Arrest warrants out for 25 FETO-linked soldiers

ANKARA - An Ankara prosecutor issued Tuesday arrest warrants for some 25 officers with the Gendarmerie General Command, according to the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. The soldiers -- all serving

lieutenants -- are suspected of communicating with "covert imams" of the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), the group behind July 2016 defeated coup. The suspects were sought by police in 16... **MORE DETAILS**

Turkish finmin shares policies in London



By Gokhan Kurtaran

LONDON - Turkey's Treasury and Finance Minister Berat Albayrak met representatives of financial institutions that manage assets worth \$15 trillion in London. Following meetings with Britain's Finance Minister Philip Hammond and State Minister Alan Duncan, he met directors and representatives of 11 financial institutions. Albayrak narrated Turkey's 15-year success story and future policies that will be implemented in the frame of a stronger strategy. Last month, Albayrak held a teleconference with... **MORE DETAILS**

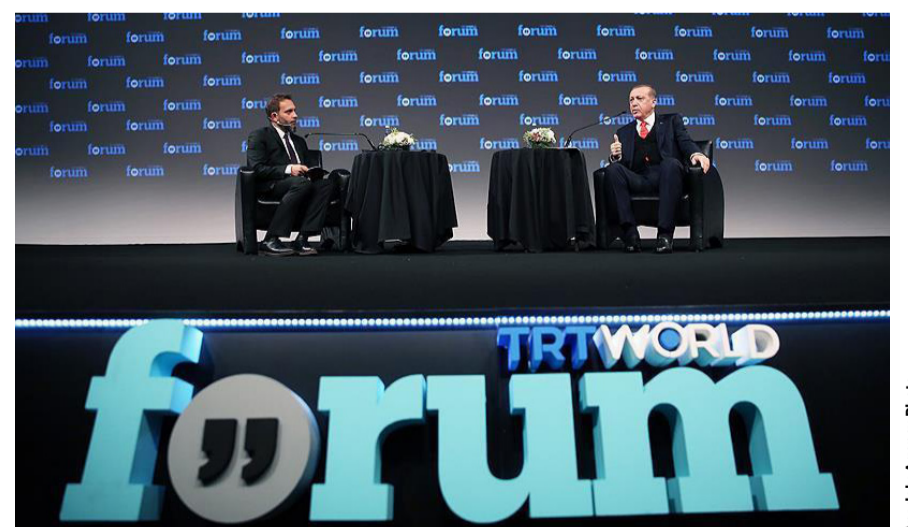


US 'repeating Churchill's bungles'

ANKARA - The Trump administration's diplomatic row with Turkey is reminiscent of former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's "bungles" during World War I which resulted in the Ottoman Empire joining the war on the side of Imperial Germany, according to a U.S. expert. Martin Sieff, who worked as a senior correspondent for

United Press International and The Washington Times for 24 years and also appeared on CNN, NPR, Fox News and BBC as a commentator, made the remarks in an article published on the U.S.-based Strategic Culture Foundation's website. "Today, Washington's reckless and abusive policies towards Turkey... **MORE DETAILS**

TRT World Forum to be held in Istanbul



ISTANBUL - TRT World Forum will be held in Istanbul on Oct. 3-4 with the theme "Envisioning Peace and Security in a Fragmented World", according to a statement on Tuesday. TRT said the forum will host more than 600 leading politicians, business people, academics, activists, journalists,

opinion leaders, intellectuals and policy makers. It added that global issues will be discussed at the two-day forum. TRT Director General Ibrahim Eren said the forum was held for the first time last year and later accepted as one of the most prestigious and high profile meetings... **MORE DETAILS**