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## Turkey tops OECD member countries with 5.2% growth

*Turkey comes in first in 36-country organization with over 5.2 pct. growth rate*

By Gokhan Ergocun

ANKARA - Turkey topped the OECD member countries and ranked second in Europe with its gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate in the second quarter of 2018. The Turkish economy grew by 5.2 percent to 884 billion Turkish liras (\$204.3 billion) in April-June period compared to the same period

last year, Turkey's Statistical Institute said on Monday. With these figures, Turkey ranked first among the OECD countries, who released their data. Turkey was followed by Poland and Chile (5 percent), Hungary (4.6) and Latvia (4.4), according to data compiled by an Anadolu Agency correspondent. OECD countries'... **MORE DETAILS**



## Turkey's primary target: Total struggle with inflation

By Muhammed Ali Gurtas

ANKARA - The Turkish economy's primary targets are a total struggle with inflation and reducing the current account deficit to sustainable levels, the treasury and finance minister said Monday. "The tight stance in fiscal policy backed by structural reforms, and the macroeconomic stabilization policy will bring economic growth to a healthier path in the medium term," Berat Albayrak said in a statement. Albayrak's remarks came after Turkey's statistical authority announced that the country's economy grew by

5.2 percent in the second quarter of this year. "Despite the moderate slowdown in consumption and investment, the economic growth in the second quarter continued with domestic demand," he said. "However, both the solid performance of exports and tourism revenues provided the net foreign demand's positive contribution to the economic growth," Albayrak added. The minister said this shows the process of economic stabilization, which is one of the country's major targets, has begun. He said the growth figures revealed that... **MORE DETAILS**

## Turkish Red Crescent sends aid to Idlib, Latakia

HATAY - Turkish Red Crescent, locally known as Kizilay, has sent 145 trucks loaded with humanitarian aid to northern part of Syria over the past month. The aid foundation delivered dry food, stationery, bread, medicine and clothes to needy people in countryside of Idlib and Latakia cities. Speaking to Anadolu Agency, Hakan Sari, head of border assistance operation, said they had been sending aid to the needy people since 2011, when the civil war started in the country.

"Totally 145 trucks loaded with humanitarian aid have been sent to needy people particularly in Turkmenbagi and Jabal al-Akrad regions of Idlib and Latakia countryside within 30 days, thanks to our foundation and philanthropists," Sari said. The aid efforts will continue, he added. Syria has only just begun to emerge from a devastating civil war that began in 2011. Since then, hundreds of thousands of people have been killed in the conflict and millions more displaced, according to the UN. Turkey currently hosts nearly 3.5 million Syrian refugees... **MORE DETAILS**

## Ancient Islamic monastery moved to new site



BATMAN - A small Islamic monastery, also known as zawiya, in southeastern Turkey dating back to the 12th century was relocated Monday to a new site to prevent it from flooding when a new dam opens.

A 256-wheeler flatbed truck moved the shrine part of the 850-ton ancient Artuqid-era religious school for one-and-a-half hours, to a cultural park in the district of Hasankeyf in the Batman province.

The first part of the zawiya was carried some 2.4 kilometers away from its original spot. The relocation of the ancient structure followed the move of 540-year-old Zeynel Bey Shrine and... **MORE DETAILS**



## 17 injured in regime, Russian attacks in Idlib

IDLIB - At least 17 people were wounded on Monday by airstrikes carried out by regime and Russian warplanes in Idlib and Hama provinces in northern Syria. "Most of the injured were women and children," Mustafa Haj Yusuf, the local head of the White Helmets civil defense agency in Idlib, told Anadolu Agency. According to an Anadolu Agency reporter, the strikes targeted the towns of Al-Habit, Jarjanaz, Haysh and Al-Tamanaa in Idlib, and the town of Allatamna in Hama countryside. Haj said Russian warplanes

took off from Hmeymim airbase in the south-eastern province of Latakia and attacked opposition-held areas in Idlib and Hama. At least 29 civilians have been killed and dozens injured in airstrikes and attacks by regime forces and Russian warplanes in Idlib and Hama since the beginning of this month, according to White Helmets. The Syrian regime has recently announced plans to launch a major military offensive in the area, which has long been controlled by various armed opposition groups. **MORE DETAILS**

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