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Industrial production rises in July

By Tuba Sahin

ANKARA - Turkey's industrial output rose 5.6 percent in July compared to the same month last year, the country's statistics agency announced on Monday. Industrial production is considered a vital indicator for the economy, as it is seen as a preliminary gauge for GDP growth.

Among the three main sub-indices, the mining and quarrying index saw the highest annual rise in the month, with 8.5 percent, the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) said. The manufacturing index climbed 5.6 percent, while the electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply index gained 3 percent during the same period. **MORE DETAILS**

Turkey, Russia agree on 'weapons-free zone' in Idlib

Presidents Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Vladimir Putin met in Russia's coastal city of Sochi

By Diyar Guldogan



ANKARA - Turkey and Russia on Monday agreed to turn Syria's northwestern Idlib province into a demilitarized zone. "We have agreed on the establishment of a weapons-free zone between the opposition- and [Assad] regime-controlled areas," Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in a news conference with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in the Black Sea coastal city of Sochi, following a meeting between the two leaders. Following the meeting, Ankara and Moscow signed a memorandum of understanding calling for the stabilization of the situation in Idlib's de-escalation zone, in which acts of aggression are prohibited. "I believe that with this... **MORE DETAILS**

18 million students in Turkey head back to school



Hundreds protest deadly ethnic violence

By Addis Getachew

ADDIS ABABA - Hundreds of Ethiopians on Monday protested in the capital Addis Ababa against ethnic-based attacks a day earlier. Police confirmed that 23 people were killed in Sunday's attacks and there

was unspecified property damage by an "organized" group in an area known as Burayu. Police said they were making arrests but did not say the motive or identities of the people who were on a killing and looting spree. Police said an... **MORE DETAILS**

8 Palestinians hurt in W. Bank clashes with Israel army

NABLUS - At least eight Palestinians were injured Monday when Israeli troops fired on a group of stone-throwing Palestinian youth in the northern West Bank city of Nablus. In a statement, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) said its crews had taken eight of the injured to Nablus's Rafidya government hospital after they had been shot by Israeli

army troops near Yusuf's Tomb, a local holy site and the scene of frequent clashes. According to the PRCS, two paramedics were among those injured. Monday morning saw violent confrontations erupt near the tomb between dozens of young Palestinians and Israeli troops deployed in the area to protect hundreds of Jewish settlers who had converged on the... **MORE DETAILS**



Florence's death toll climbs to 17

NEW YORK - The death toll from Florence rose to at least 17 as the storm crept slowly westward over the Carolinas Sunday, dumping massive amounts of water on the region. At least 11 people were killed in North Carolina and six others in South Carolina,

including a 3-month baby killed by a falling tree. Massive flooding heavily affected both states, and while the storm was downgraded to a tropical depression, forecasters are still warning of flash floods throughout the region. Some 2,800 homes... **MORE DETAILS**