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Turkey unveils new economic program

Turkish economy aims to grow 3.8 pct this year, reach 5-plus pct growth rate by 2020, says treasury and finance minister

By Muhammed Ali Gurtas and Tuba Sahin

ANKARA - Turkey's new economic program based on three fundamental pillars -- stabilization, discipline and transformation -- was unveiled on Thursday. Announcing the program, Treasury and Finance Minister Berat Albayrak said the country will activate a comprehensive set of economic policies.

"A Public Finance Transformation and Change Office has been established under the new economic program," Albayrak said. "We will use all necessary policies and measures to overcome economic challenges. "We expect a stabilization process for next year and 2020, so the new economic program aims for 2.3 percent economic growth... **MORE DETAILS**



Turkey's first tech fest kicks off in Istanbul

By Jeyhun Aliyev

ANKARA - Turkey's first aerospace and technology festival kicked off at the new Istanbul airport on Thursday. Teknofest Istanbul, organized by the Turkey Technology Team Foundation (T3) and

the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, aims to promote and showcase Turkey's rapid advance in technology. Anadolu Agency is the global communication partner of the festival. The four-day fair... **MORE DETAILS**



Turkish group in Germany attacked

BERLIN - A Turkish association in central Berlin was attacked with Molotov cocktails early Thursday by sympathizers of the PKK terrorist organization. The attackers threw stones and Molotov cocktails at the office of the Turkish Education Association and wrote slogans on the pavement in support of the PKK and the PYD, its Syrian affiliate. Rustu Kam, the association's

director, told Anadolu Agency that neighbors helped extinguish the fire and prevented it from spreading further. He condemned the violence and expressed hope that the police would arrest the attackers soon.

PKK sympathizers have recently called for protests and demonstrations ahead of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's... **MORE DETAILS**

Turkish foundation ready for Syrian refugees



By Merve Yildizalp

ANKARA - Türkiye Diyanet Foundation (TDV) General Director Mehmet Savas Polat said Thursday they had taken all measures for a possible migration

movement in Syria's northwestern Idlib. "As TDV teams, we have taken all measures in case of a possible migration movement in Idlib," Polat said in a statement. Polat said teams were coordinating in

Syria for preparations on measures to take before the potential migration movements reached the border. He said 2,000 children were receiving education in Idlib with the foundation's support. All stationery... **MORE DETAILS**



Turkey's powership builder meets 40% of Lebanon's elec.

By Mahmut Geldi

BEIRUT - Turkey's energy-generating shipbuilder Karadeniz Holding produces almost 40 percent of Lebanon's electricity, the company representative Ralif Faysal said on Wednesday. Speaking at a press conference

organized at the company's Karadeniz Powership, Fatmagul Sultan - Faysal explained that this powership along with another called Karadeniz Powership Orhan Bey have almost 400 megawatts (MW) of combined installed capacity to meet 25 percent of Lebanon's electricity needs. **MORE DETAILS**

OECD downgrades world growth outlook

ANKARA - The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on Thursday downgraded its global economic growth forecast for 2018 and 2019, largely due to high uncertainty. "Global growth is projected to settle at 3.7 percent in

2018 and 2019, marginally below pre-crisis norms, with downside risks intensifying," the organization said in its latest interim economic outlook report. Its latest annual growth forecasts for the world economy are down 0.1 percentage point... **MORE DETAILS**