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Opposition heavy weapons removed from Idlib

Opposition on Monday completed withdrawal of heavy weapons from Idlib frontlines



IDLIB - The Syrian opposition and other anti-regime groups on Monday completed the withdrawal of all their heavy weapons from Idlib frontlines in northwestern Syria. According to an Anadolu Agency correspondent in the scene, the forces removed heavy weapons from Idlib de-escalation zone's frontlines with the Syrian regime and allied Iran-backed groups. Earlier on Monday, an opposition source told Anadolu Agency that the opposition had worked during the past days and throughout Sunday night to withdraw heavy weapons, including Grad rocket launchers, mortars and mediumrange missiles. Meanwhile, Turkish forces sent various weapons and armored... MORE DETAILS

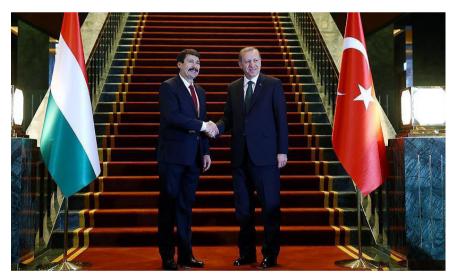


Ankara expects Riyadh's cooperation

By Merve Aydogan

ANKARA - Turkey on Monday conveyed its expectation of "full cooperation" from Saudi Arabia in search of the missing Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. According to a diplomatic source, Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Ankara Waleed A. M. Elkhereiji was

summoned to the Turkish Foreign Ministry on Sunday. "Deputy foreign minister Sedat Onal invited Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the Ministry yesterday. Our expectation of full cooperation during the investigation process [on missing journalist] was conveyed to him," said a diplomatic source. Jamal Khashoggi... MORE DETAILS



Turkey, Hungary ties gather momentum

By Mehmet Yilmaz

BUDAPEST - The relations between Turkey and Hungary have recently accelerated in every field by increasing mutual high-level visits and consultations.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is paying an official visit to Hungary on Monday and Tuesday upon the invitation of his

Hungarian counterpart Janos Ader.

According to the Turkish presidency, Erdogan will also meet with Parliament Speaker Laszlo Kover and Prime Minister Viktor Orban. The officials will discuss bilateral relations, Turkey-EU relations, irregular migration and the fight against terrorism. They will also exchange... MORE DETAILS

'Erdogan views Greek minority as equal citizens'

ATHENS - Recep Tayyip Erdogan was the first prime minister after Mustafa Kemal Ataturk who counted Turkey's Greek (Rum) minority as equal citizens of the country, senior journalists from the minority community said.

Stelyo Berberakis, a journalist who was born in

the minority family and later migrated to Greece, spoke exclusively to Anadolu Agency.

Berberakis said the community began to feel that they are equal citizens in Turkey after Erdogan became prime minister in the country. "Why? Because Erdogan is the first prime... MORE DETAILS

Over 130 irregular migrants held in Turkey



MUGLA - At least 137 irregular migrants were held in Turkey, according to security officials on Monday. As many as 93 migrants -- including children and women -- from Iraq, Somalia, and Palestine were detained aboard a boat off the coast of the southwestern province of Mugla as they attempted to sail to Greece, Turkish Coast Guard officials told Anadolu Agency.

The boat was seized and an investigation was underway to arrest the human traffickers who arranged the illegal travel. Later, Turkish gendarmes sources told Anadolu Agency that 44 Afghan migrants were held in the northwestern province of Canakkale as they were attempting to illegally cross to Greece. Turkey has been a main route for irregular... MORE DETAILS

Family grave of 2,000+ years discovered

