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Turkey to search Saudi consulate for journalist

ANKARA - Saudi Arabia on Tuesday invited Turkish experts and relevant officials to visit its Istanbul Consulate to look into last week's disappearance of a Saudi journalist.

According to diplomatic sources, a diplomatic note was sent to the Turkish Foreign Ministry inviting Turkish officials to visit the consulate, where Jamal Khashoggi was last seen entering a week ago. "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia conveys its regards to the brotherly Republic of Turkey," began the note. "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia invites Turkish experts and relevant officials to visit the Istanbul Consulate in line with the cooperation principle with the government of Republic of Turkey and due to the importance the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia lays on finding the truth about Saudi Arabian citizen son of Hamza Jamal Ahmad... MORE DETAILS

'All-out war' on inflation unveiled

Treasury and finance minister says anti-inflation program will further boost investor confidence in Turkey

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By Muhammed Ali Gurtas

ANKARA - Unveiling a new set of measures to fight inflation, Turkey's treasury and finance minister vowed an "all-out war" on inflation on Tuesday. "This program for an all-out war with inflation will further boost investor confidence," said Berat Albayrak. Under the program, Albayrak said there will be no increases in electricity and natural gas prices through the end of the year, and the government will support businesses to prevent layoffs. "Our banks will give a 10 percent discount

to high-interest loans given after Aug. 1," he added.

"Firms taking part in the anti-inflation program will apply a minimum price discount of 10 percent through... MORE DETAILS

EU failed to help Turkey support



Turkey spent \$33B to help Syrian refugees, while EU broke promises of financial support, says Turkish president

By Enes Kaplan

BUDAPEST - Turkey has spent some \$33 billion helping refuges from the Syrian civil war, while the European Union has broken its pledges of help, said Turkey's president on Tuesday. The EU "was supposed to allocate to international organizations, not us, €6 billion [\$6.87 billion], using a 3+3 installment system," Recep Tayyip Erdogan told a meeting of business leaders in Budapest, Hungary. But, he added, "they only gave out €1.7 billion [\$1.94 billion]. Despite all that, we continue our services." Speaking at a Turkey-Hungary Business Forum meeting, Erdogan highlighted how Turkey currently hosts some 3.5 million Syrian refugees, more than any country in the world. MORE DETAILS



378 Palestinians detained in September

RAMALLAH - The Israeli army detained a total of 378 Palestinians last month, including 10 women and 52 children, according to three Palestinian advocacy groups. During September, 104 Palestinians were detained in Jerusalem; 56 in Ramallah and Al-Bireh (in the central West Bank); 73 in Hebron (southern West Bank); and 16 in the Gaza Strip, according to a joint statement released Tuesday by the Commission for Prisoners and ex-Prisoners' Affairs, the Palestinian Prisoners' Society, and the Al-Dameer... MORE DETAILS

Indonesia quake toll tops 2,000

By Mahmut Atanur

JAKARTA - The death toll from last month's earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia has risen to over 2,000, local media reported Tuesday. According to the Indonesian news agency Antara, military authorities in the region announced that the Sept. 28 earthquake and tsunami in Sulawesi Island of Indonesia have killed a total of 2,002 people. The death toll is feared to rise as at least 5,000 people were still missing, according to Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, the spokesman of the National Disaster Management... MORE DETAILS