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Erdogan calls on Africa to trade in local currencies

Turkish economy faced speculative attacks recently, Turkish president says



By Gokhan Ergocun and Tuba Sahin

ISTANBUL - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called on African countries to trade and do joint businesses with Turkey using local currencies. "Let's save our trade from risks posed by foreign currencies," he said at the Turkey-Africa Economy and Business Forum in Istanbul on Wednesday. He underlined that they have to take steps to save their countries from currency pressure. "We prioritized this issue [trading in local currencies] as the country faced speculative attacks recently," the president said. Erdogan said it is important to believe that alternative... [MORE DETAILS](#)



US supplies construction vehicles to YPG/PKK

By Omer Koparan

MANBIJ - The U.S. forces in Syria's Manbij provided the YPG/PKK terror group with new construction equipment, allowing the terrorists to continue digging up trenches and build embankments around the city center. As the U.S. troops continue its military and logistic

transportation from northern Iraq to northwestern Syria, despite a deal between Ankara and Washington on withdrawal of the terror group from the city, local sources told Anadolu Agency that the U.S. also sent aid to YPG/PKK in the region. Trucks, carrying four construction vehicles, were transported to... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkey, African countries sign trade pacts

ISTANBUL - A Turkish-African business meeting in Istanbul bore fruit Wednesday in the form of three new pacts with both private and public concerns. Zimbabwe, Senegal, and the African Union all signed deals with parties in Turkey during the 2nd Turkey-Africa Economy and Business

Forum in Turkey's economic hub. The first agreement -- a memorandum of understanding (MoU) -- was signed by Senegal's Mines and Geology Ministry and Turkey's Tosyali Holding for the company to invest in iron and steel in the West African country. [MORE DETAILS](#)

Settlers attack Palestine school in West Bank

RAMALLAH - A group of Jewish settlers on Wednesday attacked a boys' school in the Palestinian village of Ourif near the West Bank city of Nablus, according to a local official. "Scores of Jewish settlers from the nearby Yitzhar settlement attacked the school with stones," Ghassan Daghlas, a Palestinian official in charge of settlement

affairs, told Anadolu Agency. "The settlers were backed by Israeli troops who fired rubber bullets and teargas to disperse the students," Daghlas said. According to the official, at least one Palestinian student was injured after being struck by a rubber bullet. More than 650,000 Jewish settlers now live on 196 settlements... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Heavy blow dealt on FETO's army structure

ISTANBUL - Over the last year a total of 722 suspects have been arrested over alleged links to the terror group behind the 2016 defeated coup in Turkey, as part of an ongoing investigation of the group's infiltration of the Turkish army, according to data compiled by Anadolu Agency. Prosecutors determined that suspected Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) members of

the army and their civilian seniors -- so-called "imams" -- communicated via land lines or pay phones. For the investigation, since Nov. 29, 2017, prosecutors have issued arrest warrants for 989 soldiers, including 159 still wanted by Turkish authorities. Among the arrested 523 were soldiers who are suspected members of FETO, according to the data.

Under the penitence law, a total of 307 soldiers who are reportedly FETO members were released on judicial control. A total of 199 civilian suspects who reportedly led these soldiers were remanded in custody under the investigation. FETO and its U.S.-based leader Fetullah Gulen orchestrated the defeated coup of July 15, 2016, which left 251 people... [MORE DETAILS](#)

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