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Erdogan announces new investment program

Turkey to implement new economic program to preserve macroeconomic stability, raise production, welfare, says Erdogan

ANKARA - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's public mandate on "Investment Program Preparations for 2019-2021 Period" was published in the Official Gazette on Thursday. In the mandate, Erdogan said:

"Turkey to implement new economic program to preserve macroeconomic stability, raise production, welfare." Turkey's priorities are to preserve price stability while reducing inflation and to further strengthen fiscal discipline, he added.

Underscoring that Turkey's main target is save on public expenditures and to decrease inflation, the Erdogan's mandate further noted that "new projects will not be included in the 2019 Investment Program except for the compulsory cases within the scope of savings measures." MORE DETAILS





Current account posts surplus after 3 years

By Muhammed Ali Gurtas

ANKARA - Turkey's current account balance showed a surplus in August, for the first time over the past three years, the Turkish Central Bank (CBRT) announced on Thursday.

According to the CBRT's balance of payments report, the country's current account surplus amounted to \$2.59 billion in August, improving

from \$923 million deficit in same month last year. In September 2015, when a current account surplus was last observed, Turkey's current account balance recorded a surplus of \$218 million.

On Tuesday, an Anadolu Agency survey showed that a group of 14 economists forecast a surplus of \$2.46 billion on average. Therefore, Thursday's figures... MORE DETAILS



Fiancee of missing Khashoggi talks to Anadolu Agency

'This investigation will definitely reveal something, 'says Hatice Cengiz

By Semra Orkan

ISTANBUL - The fiancée of missing Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi said statements made by Saudi officials were "neither enough nor satisfying".

In an exclusive interview to Anadolu Agency, Hatice Cengiz said there is smear campaign going on across Saudi Arabia, "which is run by news agencies supported by Saudi regime and troll accounts".

"This is utterly saddening. Just these smear campaigns and reflexes against me is showing that there are a lot of suspects in this case." Khashoggi, who is one of the

most influential journalists in the Middle East and a Washington Post columnist, entered the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2. He has not been seen again.

According to Turkish police, while Khashoggi was inside, 15 Saudis, including several officials, arrived in Istanbul on two planes and entered the consulate.

Istanbul prosecutors are investigating the incident, while the consulate said on Twitter that it was working in coordination with Turkish authorities.

Turkey on Monday conveyed its expectation of "full cooperation" from Saudi Arabia in the search... MORE DETAILS

In Ethiopia, refugees seek hope after sorrow



Yemenis and Eritreans live in hope and fear as they seek safe haven

By Seleshi Tessema

ADDIS ABABA - The Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa is getting warmer and brighter as clouds and thunderstorms from the rainy season recede.

The fragrance of butter flowers that accompany the Ethiopian New Year wafts through the air.

But some 1,125 kilometers (699 miles) from Ethiopia, in the ancient country

of Yemen, there are no floral scents, no hope. Instead, there are dark clouds of fear as death and destruction forced many to flee to Ethiopia, where they are now refugees.

Impoverished Yemen has remained wracked by violence since 2014, when Houthi rebels overran much of the country, including Sanaa.

The conflict escalated in 2015 when

Saudi Arabia and its Sunni-Arab

campaign in Yemen aimed at rolling back Houthi gains.

allies launched a massive air

The ongoing violence has devastated Yemen's basic infrastructure, prompting the UN to describe the situation as "one of the worst humanitarian disasters of modern times".

According to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), at the end of June 2018... MORE DETAILS