



Turkish court releases US pastor Brunson

IZMIR - A Turkish court on Friday sentenced U.S. pastor Andrew Brunson to three years and 1.5 months in prison. Izmir Heavy Penal Court No.2, in accordance with its ruling, ended his house arrest and travel ban. Brunson left his house --

where he had been under house arrest since July 25 -- under strict security measures and was brought to the prison and courthouse complex in Aliaga district for the trial. Brunson had been arrested on December 9, 2016 on charges of being member of Fetullah Terrorist... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkish NGO provides drinking water to Afrin

HATAY - A Turkish non-governmental organization has been providing 10,000 liters of drinking water a day to tent cities in Syria's Afrin, the association's head said on Friday. Hatay Solidarity Association (HAYAD) head Rahmi Vardi told Anadolu Agency that the association has distributed 1 million liters of drinking water in four months to the

Syrians living in tent cities. "The association sent 1 million liters of drinkable water to Dayr Ballut and Mohammadiyah tent cities in four months," Vardi said. Vardi said residents of the camps were internally displaced Syrians who came from Eastern Ghouta, a suburb of Damascus. He said Turkish Emergency and Disaster... [MORE DETAILS](#)



FETO terror group afloat with German support



ADDIS ABABA - An official letter obtained by Anadolu Agency has revealed that Germany has officially been supporting operations of the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) in Ethiopia. A letter written and officially sealed by the German Embassy in Addis Ababa in May 2017 vouches for the FETO-linked investment group named Kaynak.

The then Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn had directed relevant authorities, including trade and education ministries as well as the country's investment commission, to revoke the license of Kaynak due to its ties to the terror group. Desalegn's office also directed the Education Ministry to transfer six schools owned by the FETO to Turkey's... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Hamas eyes truce with Israel in return for end of siege

GAZA CITY - Ismail Haniyeh, political chief of Palestinian resistance group Hamas, says his movement is seeking a truce with Israel in exchange for an end to the latter's 12-year blockade of the Hamas-run Gaza Strip. Haniyeh made the assertion in a taped address played during the opening session of an international conference on Jerusalem held Friday in Istanbul.

The event is being attended by more than 700 Arab and Muslim figures who will discuss recent developments pertaining to Jerusalem and the Palestinian national project. "Today we are seeking -- along with Egypt, Qatar and the UN -- to reach an understanding that could yield a truce [with Israel] in exchange for an end to the siege," Haniyeh... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkey to root out 'terror nests' in east of Euphrates

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says Turkey deals major blow to members of terrorist organizations at home

By Diyar Guldogan

ANKARA - Turkey will root out "terror nests" in east of Euphrates river in Syria soon, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Friday. "Hopefully very soon, we will root out terror nests also in east Euphrates with the support of commandos, who are pinned today with badges," Erdogan said at a military ceremony in central Isparta province. Erdogan said Turkey dealt a major blow to the members of terrorist organizations at home. He added Turkey removed "traitors" in the army after a failed coup

attempt staged by Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) on July 15, 2016. FETO and its U.S.-based leader Fetullah Gulen orchestrated the defeated coup, which left 251 people martyred and nearly 2,200 injured. Ankara also accuses FETO of being behind a long-running campaign to overthrow the state through the infiltration of Turkish institutions, particularly the military, police, and judiciary. Speaking about the economy, Erdogan said Turkey continues to maintain investments and expand its economy. [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkey attracts \$7B direct investment in 8 months

ISTANBUL - Turkey attracted nearly \$7 billion direct investment in the first 8 months of 2018, said head of the country's presidential investment office. This figure was almost the same with the last year's January-August period, Arda Ermut told Anadolu Agency. He noted that Turkey is expected to attract over \$11 billion direct investment by the end of the current year, which is more than the 2017's figures. "When looking at economic issues [...] it is important that figures did not drop



compared to the last year," he said, adding: "But we think that Turkey's investment potential was much higher." The year 2019 will be a positive one with regards to investments due to... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkish health staffers train Syrian volunteers

COBANBEY - Turkish health personnel in Syria gave training to volunteers to cope up with emergency situations in conflict-free areas in the country. The Syrian humanitarian team who are working on the Euphrates Shields region of Azaz town received

emergency intervention training, advanced driving techniques and stretchers from Turkish emergency officers. Speaking to Anadolu Agency, Sezer Saykal, one of the Turkish healthcare personnel, said: "We work for the betterment of... [MORE DETAILS](#)