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‘Turkey could take steps east of Euphrates’

By **Muhammet Emin Avundukluoglu**

ANKARA - Following two major anti-terror operations in Syria, Turkey’s president warned on Tuesday that Turkey could also take decisive steps against the PKK/YPG terrorist presence east of the Euphrates River.

“If the necessary steps are not taken [by the U.S.] to the east of the Euphrates [against PKK/YPG] ... we will take the necessary steps at the highest level,” Recep Tayyip Erdogan told his party’s parliamentary group. Erdogan said that Turkey would take... **MORE DETAILS**

Turkish lira at best level against dollar in 2 months



USD/TRY exchange rate plunges to 5.78 level, marking lira’s best showing against US dollar in 2 months

By **Jeyhun Aliyev**

ANKARA - The value of the Turkish lira against the U.S. dollar has hit a two-month high, according to data compiled by Anadolu Agency. By market close on Monday, the USD/TRY exchange rate plunged to 5.7830, falling over 2.5 percent from Friday’s closing rate of 5.9320, marking the lira’s best showing in two months. Meanwhile, the U.S. dollar/

Turkish lira exchange rate started the week at 5.8420, and seen the lowest point of around 5.76 on Monday. The average U.S. dollar/ Turkish lira exchange rate was 6.04 during the first two weeks of October, 6.38 last month, and 5.74 in August. In October, the highest stance of USD/TRY exchange rate was 6.1654, while it peaked at 6.6944 in September, and 6.8922 in August. The euro/lira rate... **MORE DETAILS**

Turkey to continue Cyprus gas drilling



ANKARA - Ankara will continue natural gas drilling work around the island of Cyprus towards the aim of sharing resources fairly, Turkey’s foreign minister said on Tuesday. “Turkey will not allow unilateral activities [in the Eastern Mediterranean]. We need to protect the rights of Turkish Cypriots with actual steps,” Mevlut Cavusoglu said at an Ankara University symposium entitled “Law

and Politics in the Eastern Mediterranean.” Turkey has consistently contested the Greek Cypriot administration’s unilateral drilling activity in the Eastern Mediterranean, saying Turkish Cypriots also have rights to the resources around the area. “We will continue drilling activities around the island. We’re not trying to fight with anyone. Our aim is a fair sharing of resources. **MORE DETAILS**



Prospects for Cyprus settlement remain ‘alive’

UNITED NATIONS - Prospects for reaching a comprehensive solution to the Cyprus dispute remain “alive”, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a report presented to the Security Council on Monday. The status of the island of Cyprus remains unresolved in spite of a series of UN-mediated discussions

between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Greek Cypriot administration. According to the report seen by Anadolu Agency, Guterres said he believes that “prospects for a comprehensive settlement between the communities on the island remain alive”. He emphasized that the lack of resolution of the Cyprus issue was not... **MORE DETAILS**

Israeli policewoman shot Palestinian for ‘fun’



Turkey-led NATO exercise kicks off

IZMIR - NATO’s multinational naval exercise hosted by Turkey started on Tuesday. The Nusret-2018 Drill is being held in the Gulf of Izmir on the Aegean Sea to improve teamwork between navies of member countries. During a press briefing, Rear Admiral Ahmet Tunc Veyisoglu, who is also the commander of the mine fleet, said the exercise was a mine warfare drill conducted

each year and hosted by the Turkish Navy. Veyisoglu said the exercise was being taught as an exemplary mine laying drill at the NATO Naval Mine Warfare Centre of Excellence in Belgium. The drill will run through Oct. 25, according to Veyisoglu. “The close interest and high participation of the friendly and allied countries shows how high the... **MORE DETAILS**