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‘Demand for bonds proves confidence in Turkey’

Ministry gets demand for more than 3 times actual issue size of dollar-denominated Turkish bonds

By Tuba Sahin

ANKARA - International market demand for Turkish bonds was more than triple the bonds' issue size, proving the confidence in Turkey's economic indicators, said Treasury and Finance Minister Berat Albayrak on Wednesday. The strong demand confirms the robustness of Turkey's economic basis, resilience to external shocks,

and success of measures taken to date, Albayrak was cited as saying in a statement from his ministry. According to the Treasury and Finance Ministry statement, "the [bond] offering attracted an order book of more than three times the actual issue size from more than 250 accounts." The ministry on Tuesday authorized three international institutions -- Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs,

Societe Generale -- to issue a dollar-denominated bond due 2023, as part of the 2018 external borrowing program. The transaction was finalized with a nominal amount of \$2 billion, it said. "With this transaction, the amount of funds that has been raised from the international capital markets as part of the \$6.5 billion 2018 Eurobond issuance program has reached \$6 billion," said the ministry. **MORE DETAILS**

Turkey expects Moldovan support against FETO

By Burcu Calik and Ali Cura

ANKARA/CHISINAU - Turkey's president on Wednesday said the country expects the support of Moldova in the fight against Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) "without hesitation". "In the joint fight against FETO, the Turkish people expect from their Moldovan friends to show the support needed without hesitation,"

Recep Tayyip Erdogan said at a joint press conference with his Moldovan counterpart Igor Dodon in the capital Chisinau. Erdogan said that FETO infiltrated into Turkey's armed forces, police, legal system and all institutions of the state, adding that Moldova is also under risk as the terror group could do the same to the country. FETO and its U.S.-based leader Fetullah... **MORE DETAILS**



President Erdogan meets US' Pompeo

ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Wednesday met the U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in the capital Ankara. Erdogan received Pompeo at Esenboga International Airport at 10.10 a.m. local time (0710 GMT) in a 35-minutes long meeting ahead of his official visit to Moldova. Foreign Minister Mevlut

Cavusoglu, head of National Intelligence Service (MIT) Hakan Fidan and Presidential Spokesman Ibrahim Kalin as well as U.S. Special Representative for Syria James Jeffrey also attended the meeting. Prior to his visit to Ankara, Pompeo went to Saudi Arabia, where he held talks with Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud and Crown Prince... **MORE DETAILS**

Consensus awaited to search consul residence



Turkey sees Cyprus as most important issue



ANKARA - The head of the Turkish parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee on Wednesday said his country sees Cyprus as the most important issue. Volkan Bozkir's remarks came at the meeting of members of parliament's foreign affair committee with the Foreign Minister of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Kudret Ozersay in capital Ankara. "Any progress in Cyprus pleases us and if any problem arises there, we feel sorrow," Bozkir said. Ozersay, for his part, said

the TRNC has been isolated from the world. "I want to honestly emphasize that we will continue to shape up our foreign policy together with Turkish Republic," he said. Cyprus was divided into a Turkish Cypriot state in the north and a Greek Cypriot administration in the south after 1974 military coup was followed by violence against the island's Turkish people, and Turkey's intervention as a guarantor power. There has been an on-and-off peace process over recent years... **MORE DETAILS**

ANKARA - Turkey's interior minister on Wednesday said a search of the Saudi consul general's residence over a missing Saudi journalist will begin once a joint consensus is reached. Speaking at Anadolu Agency Editor's Desk, Suleyman Soylu said they are awaiting a Saudi response to a Turkish prosecutor's decision. "The prosecutor made a decision about the

residence. In order for the decision to get a positive response, the relevant country [Saudi Arabia] must approve it," he said. "Once the relevant country gives permission, there will be steps taken there [at the residence] on the investigation." He stressed: "There is an agreement, but for the search to start, there must be a joint consensus. The joint consensus is being awaited." **MORE DETAILS**



400 Turkish aid projects in Moldova

By Zuhul Demirci

ANKARA - Turkey's state-run aid agency launched over 400 projects and activities in Moldova over the last 24 years. Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) has been working in the Eastern European country in the agricultural, health, education, water supply, Infrastructures, and administrative sectors. Besides the activities and projects that TIKA launched in Moldova, it has also held

numerous fairs, conferences, seminars, symposiums and penal discussions. TIKA had started functioning in Moldova on June 15, 1994. A renovation of Moldovan presidential residency started as part of Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's initiative. The residency building was affected during the massive demonstrations that took place in 2009. The Turkish aid agency also built and equipped a kindergarten and named after Nasreddin... **MORE DETAILS**