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New missile set for mass production

Indigenous surface-to-surface guided missile meant to boost sea-based deterrence, says defense industries authority

By Goksel Yildirim

ANKARA - Turkey's first indigenous sea missile is ready for mass production, the Turkish Defense Industries Presidency (SSB) announced on Friday. The Atmaca surface-to-surface guided missile is meant to bolster sea-based deterrence, the SSB said in a statement. The agreement for massproduction of the missile was signed between

the SSB and missile producer Roketsan, it added. Under the agreement, the equipment and spare parts for the missile's fire control system will be produced by leading Turkish defense company Aselsan. The Atmaca project was launched to meet the need for naval cruise missiles to be deployed in the Turkish Naval Forces MILGEM national warship program. The MILGEM -- Turkey's first indigenous... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkey 'neutralizes' 210 PKK terrorists in October

ERZURUM - A total of 210 PKK terrorists, including so-called senior operatives targeting civilians, in their bid to disrupt peace in Turkey have been "neutralized" as part of anti-terror operations across the country and abroad in October. Turkish authorities often use the word "neutralized" in statements to imply the terrorists in question either surrendered, were killed or

captured. Turkish Armed Forces, Security General Directorate, General Command of Gendarmerie and National Intelligence Service resolutely continue to chase terrorist organizations that try to disturb the peace and brotherhood in the country. According to information compiled by Anadolu Agency, 10 security officers were martyred... [MORE DETAILS](#)



US midterm elections: Trump's agenda at stake

By Michael Hernandez

WASHINGTON - With just four days until millions of Americans head to polling stations across the U.S., President Donald Trump is on a mission. Trump is set to continue a campaign blitz in battleground states pivotal to Republican success in the U.S. midterm elections that will see him embark on trips to Montana and Florida on Saturday and Georgia and Tennessee on Sunday. The intense electoral push will be capped on the eve of the Nov. 6 polls when Trump will visit three states in one day -- Ohio, Indiana and Missouri -- in a sign of how important these races are for a president seeking to fulfill his legislative agenda with just two years left on his first, and possibly sole, term. The president's travel schedule is based on internal White House planning first made public by Bloomberg and is subject to change.

But parts of the schedule that have already come to pass have squared with the president's visits. Republicans currently hold a razor-thin one-seat majority in the Senate, and while their hold on the House of Representatives is far firmer, it is most threatened in that chamber. The party and the president can ill-afford to lose either part of the bicameral legislature. Every House member's seat will be up for grabs in this fall's elections, as will just over one-third of Senate seats. Whether Trump will prove to be a boon or an albatross for the Republicans is unclear amid predictions of a possible blue wave, or massive legislative inroads for the Democratic Party. Democrats are seeking to seize on discontent that has fomented among some segments of American society following Trump's successful 2016... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Erdogan to pay 2-day visit to France

ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is scheduled to pay a two-day visit to France next week. During his visit on Nov. 10-11, Erdogan will attend Armistice Day commemorations marking 100th anniversary of end of World War I. The ceremonies -- to be hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron in capital Paris -- will also see the

attendance of 80 leaders, including U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin. The Armistice Day of Nov. 11 marks the end of World War I between the Allies and their opponent, Germany on land, sea and air in 1918. As part of his visit, Erdogan will attend the first-ever Paris Peace Forum. Turkish president is also expected to hold... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Pakistan: Talks falter, more Aasia Bibi protests loom



By Aamir Latif

KARACHI - Religious groups are calling for nationwide strikes on Friday against the acquittal of a Christian

woman on blasphemy charges as talks between the government and protesters faltered late Thursday night. Allama Khadim Hussain Rizvi, firebrand head of the newly emerged Sunni group

Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), announced the failure of talks in a late-night tweet calling on his followers "to get ready for martyrdom." "Our talks with the... [MORE DETAILS](#)