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Turkey welcomes US putting bounties on PKK terrorists

ANKARA - Turkish Foreign Ministry welcomed the U.S. State Department's decision to put multi-million-dollar bounties on the heads of three senior PKK terrorists, according to a statement on Wednesday.

In a written statement, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hami Aksoy said: "We expect this step to be supported by concrete actions to be made in Iraq and Syria as part of fighting against PKK..." **MORE DETAILS**

Turkey to produce local healthcare equipments

Turkish president says tomography, ultrasonography and MRI machines should be produced locally



By Fatih Hafiz Mehmet

ANKARA - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday domestic production in the health sector is as important as in the defense sector. "Turkey needs a rapid nationalization, localization in the health sector," said Erdogan, speaking at the academic year opening ceremony of the University of Health Sciences in Ankara. Erdogan said Turkey should

produce its own tomography, ultrasonography and MRI machines, adding that the country has the human capital for this. "Now we invite [leading] companies from the international community for joint production in our country and there are positive approaches," Erdogan said. He said localization of the health sector was as "important and critical" as that of the defense sector. Erdogan also said... **MORE DETAILS**

Democrats win House, Republicans keep Senate



By Michael Hernandez

WASHINGTON - Democratic hopes for a "blue wave" fueled by opposition to U.S. President Donald Trump

fell short Tuesday with the party on track to take control of the House of Representatives even as it lost critical ground in the Senate. Republicans increased their hold on the

100-member chamber, holding at least 51 seats in the Senate as both parties claimed legislative victories. Additional Senate races have yet to be called, but Republicans are on pace to... **MORE DETAILS**

'US putting bounties on PKK positive, belated step'

By Sarp Ozer

SUAKIN ISLAND - A U.S. decision to put multi-million dollar bounties on the heads of three key PKK terrorists was a "positive but belated" step, Turkish national defense minister said on Wednesday. "I would like to underline that this decision and step of the U.S., of our American friends and our allies, was a positive, but belated one," Hulusi Akar

told Anadolu Agency during his visit Sudan's Suakin Island on the west coast of the Red Sea. Akar's remarks came a day after the U.S. State Department put a bounty on three key PKK terrorists. Under the Rewards for Justice program, people who give information on the identification or location of PKK terrorists Murat Karayilan... **MORE DETAILS**



'A heck of a juror to impeach Trump'

By Umar Farooq

WASHINGTON - Michigan's Rashida Tlaib and Minnesota's Ilhan Omar both made history Tuesday by winning their elections and becoming the first Muslim women to be elected to the U.S. Congress. Tlaib won the congressional seat for Michigan's 13th district after former Representative John Conyers abruptly stepped down following sexual harassment allegations, leaving the seat vacant. The Palestinian-American Muslim ran under the Democratic Party, having previously served six years in the state legislature. With no Republican opponent, Tlaib defeated Etta Wilcoxon of the Green Party and Sam Johnson of the Working Class Party. "Why am I running? Because this is about electing the jury to impeach @POTUS and I will make a heck of a juror," Tlaib said in a tweet aimed at U.S. President Donald Trump. Tlaib campaigned on a platform that advocated for a \$15

minimum wage, free public college tuition and ending corporate welfare. A proud Palestinian, Tlaib has also been an advocate for Palestinian rights and is an outspoken critic of Trump. "Congratulations to my sister @RashidaTlaib on your victory! I cannot wait to serve with you, inshallah," Omar, who also won her election, said on Twitter. The seat Omar won, Minnesota's 5th district, was formerly held by Rep. Keith Ellison, who was the first Muslim to take a seat in Congress. Ellison did not run for re-election as he sought the state attorney generalship. Omar, another Democrat, is a Somali-American who came to the U.S. over two decades ago as a refugee. She campaigned on a progressive platform and won the endorsement of the Democratic Party's fledgling progressive wing, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. She ran against and defeated Republican candidate Jennifer Zielinski, becoming the first congresswoman to wear a hijab. This year... **MORE DETAILS**