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‘Turkey can benefit US sanctions on Iran’

By Tuba Sahin

ANKARA - The new U.S. sanctions against Iran can have positive consequences for Turkey, Iranian diplomat told Anadolu Agency. “This is the best opportunity for Turkish companies to increase their presence in Iran. They can use this benefit to conquer the part

of market that was acquired by European and Chinese companies,” Seyed Hafez Mousavi, the commercial counselor for the Iranian embassy in Ankara, said. On Monday, the United States reimposed sanctions targeting Iran’s energy and financial sectors along with its shipping industry. More than 700... [MORE DETAILS](#)

‘PKK terrorists control 80 pct of drug trade in Europe’

Turkey’s Interior Minister says terror group earns around \$1.5 billion per year in drug trade

ADANA - Turkish interior minister on Thursday said PKK terrorist group controls 80 percent of drug trade in Europe, earning around \$1.5 billion per year. Speaking at a meeting on fight against addiction in southern Adana province, Suleyman Soylu said terrorist organizations are selling drugs and buying weapons. “Especially in Europe, the PKK controls 80 percent of drug trade and it is estimated that the terror group earns

around \$1.5 billion per year,” Soylu said. On the domestic anti-drug operations, Soylu said the number of operations increased 29 percent in the first ten months of 2018 compared to the same period last year. Moreover, In 2017, 70 operations were conducted against drug traffickers and 10 operations have been carried out in 2018 so far, Soylu added. The PKK is listed... [MORE DETAILS](#)



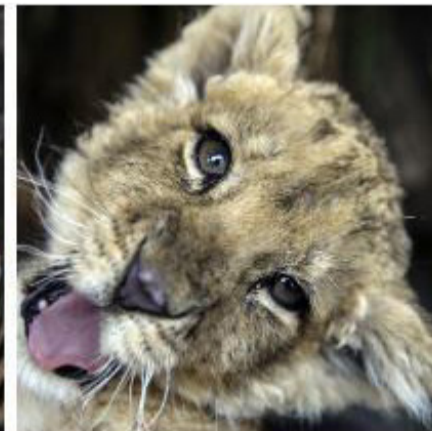
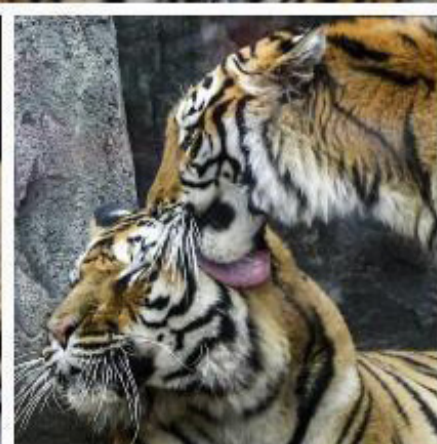
Turkish defense minister in Somalia for talks

By Surp Ozer

MOGADISHU - Turkey’s Defense Minister Hulusi Akar on Thursday met Somali officials in the capital Mogadishu for bilateral and military talks. Akar and his delegation was received by Somalia’s Deputy Prime Minister Mahdi Mohamed Guled, some senior government officials and Turkey’s Ambassador to Somalia Olgan Bekar at Adan Adde International Airport in Mogadishu. Later, he held talks with Prime Minister Hassan Ali Khaire and the Chief... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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Saudis used Israeli spyware to track Khashoggi

By Mustafa Deveci

JERUSALEM - Software made by an Israeli cyber security firm was used to track murdered journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a former U.S. National Security Agency contractor and whistleblower claimed Wednesday. Addressing a conference in

Tel Aviv, Israel via a video call from Russia, Edward Snowden said Pegasus spyware sold to governments by NSO Group Technologies was used to track opponents. “The Saudis, of course, knew that Khashoggi was going to go to the consulate, as he got an appointment. But how did they know his intention and plans?”... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Afghan govt, Taliban to meet for 1st direct peace talks

By Elena Teslova

MOSCOW - Russia will host the second round of the Moscow peace conference on Afghanistan this month, which its Foreign Ministry bills as the first direct high-level talks between the Taliban and Afghan government. The importance that Russia attaches to the second session of the Moscow conference on Afghanistan on Nov. 9 is evident from the fact that the event, which will be held at

the level of deputy foreign ministers, will be opened by Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who was not present at similar meetings on Syria, even during that country’s most difficult periods. Russia’s Foreign Ministry sent invitations to representatives of 11 countries -- Afghanistan, the U.S., India, Iran, China, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The Afghan government... [MORE DETAILS](#)