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Absentee funeral prayer held in Istanbul for Khashoggi

Funeral prayer for slain Saudi journalist held with wide participation from activists and political figures

By Ahmet Salih Alacaci



ANKARA - A funeral prayer in absentia for slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was held in Istanbul's Fatih Mosque on Friday. The ceremony was widely attended by activists and political figures calling for unity and justice for the journalist. Khashoggi, a frequent contributor to The Washington Post, was killed Oct. 2 inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. After weeks of denying any involvement in the crime, Saudi Arabia later admitted that Khashoggi had been killed inside the consulate but claimed the Saudi royal family had no prior knowledge of any plot to murder the journalist. **MORE DETAILS**

YPG is 'Syrian offshoot' of PKK terror group

By Umar Farooq

WASHINGTON - The PYD/YPG is the Syrian branch of the PKK terror group, the American Special Representative for Syria James Jeffrey said Thursday. He spoke at a panel at the Defense One Summit, which brings top military, foreign policy and intelligence

leaders to Washington to discuss American security throughout the world. Jeffrey said U.S. operations in Syria could not be done without the "active participation, coordination, and cooperation of Turkey." The U.S. is not able to function in the northeastern region of Syria while fighting Daesh... **MORE DETAILS**

New company launches up 20 pct in Turkey

By Tuba Sahin

ANKARA - The number of newly established companies in Turkey rose by 19.7 percent year-on-year in the January-October period, the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) revealed on Friday. According to TOBB, a total of

71,907 companies were established in the first 10 months of this year, up from 60,063 in the same period last year. The figures showed that 9,467 companies went out of business from January to October -- an annual decrease of nearly nine percent. A total of 11,085 foreign-partnered

or foreign-funded new companies were launched between January and October. In October, 7,081 new companies started doing business in Turkey, rising 2.4 percent on an annual basis, according to the TOBB. October figure was also up 12 percent month-on-month. The number of foreign... **MORE DETAILS**



US assessing extraditing FETO leader to Turkey

By Umar Farooq

WASHINGTON - The White House is exploring legal methods of extraditing Fetullah Gulen, leader of the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), to Turkey in order to soften Turkish pressure on Riyadh over the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, NBC News

reported Thursday. Last month, the Donald Trump administration instructed the Justice Department and the FBI to reopen Gulen's extradition case, and also asked for information on his legal status from the Department of Homeland Security, four sources, including two senior U.S. officials... **MORE DETAILS**

Migrant caravan reaches Mexico-US border



By Emre Aytekin

ANKARA - A caravan of migrants mostly from Central American countries en route to the U.S. has reached the

Mexican city of Tijuana bordering the U.S. on Friday. Around 2,000 migrants that are part of a larger 7,000-strong caravan have reached the region, city officials said.

As the city has a capacity to host only 700 people, authorities opened a stadium and a sports complex for the use of migrants. The migrants are expected to... **MORE DETAILS**

Indonesia ready to help resolve Rohingya issue

ANKARA - Indonesia and the Association of Southeastern Asian Nations (ASEAN) are ready to help resolve Rohingya issue, the country's president said on Thursday. "Indonesia is ready! I am sure, the ASEAN is also ready to help the Myanmar government to create a conducive condition in the Rakhine State, where freedom of movement should be respected," Indonesia's

Antara news agency quoted Joko Widodo as saying. Widodo's remarks came after a meeting with U.S. Vice President Mike Pence on the sidelines of the 33rd ASEAN Summit in Singapore. Meanwhile, Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi, who also attended the meeting, said: "We conveyed that we need U.S. support for the AHA Center [ASEAN Coordinating Centre for... **MORE DETAILS**