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Turkey heads for 'record' current account surplus

Country's inflation figure will be close to its targets in November, December, finance minister says

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ISTANBUL - Turkey is expected to see "record" current account surplus in October, the country's finance and treasury minister said on Tuesday. Turkey, which recently faced currency shocks, entered into the process of normalization as of October, Berat Albayrak said at the International Business Forum's opening ceremony, in Istanbul.

Turkey's inflation figures will be close to its targets in November and December, Albayrak said.

"Loan interest rate dropped to below 25 percent level and it will further drop in December," he said, adding:...





"Saudi Arabia has Bin Ladin's mentality"

by Muhammet Emin Avundukluoglu

ANKARA - Avenues of escape for Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman are disappearing after last month's killing of a journalist at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, said a Turkish opposition party leader on Tuesday. "The circle is tightening around the crown prince,

are closed," said Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) leader Devlet Bahceli, accusing bin Salman of responsibility for the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. "What is the difference between the Saudi administration and the mentality of Osama bin Ladin?" he asked in a speech to his party's parliamentary

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Syrians continue to return to terror-free hometown

KILIS - Hundreds of Syrians left Turkey on Tuesday for terror-free regions of Syria as part of ongoing voluntary return program. Taking refuge in Turkey due to civil war in Syria, 400 Syrians -- including women and children -- from

different parts of Turkey were voluntarily repatriated from southern Kilis province to areas in Syria cleared of terrorists. Turkey's Euphrates Shield

and Olive Branch operations in northwestern Syria liberated... MORE DETAILS

Turkey remands 15 Daesh-linked suspects

DIYARBAKIR - A court in southeastern Turkey remanded in custody 15 Daesh terrorist suspects in Diyarbakir as part of a probe of the terror group's international financial activities, according to a judicial source. Twenty-four suspects were arrested on Nov. 5 in simultaneous operations in 11 provinces, based in Diyarbakir, said the source on condition of anonymity due to restrictions on speaking to the media. Nine others were released under judicial control, but Diyarbakir prosecutors filed an appeal to re-arrest eight of them, and fresh... MORE DETAILS

ECHR ruling on ex-HDP leader 'not our concern'

ANKARA -Turkish president on Tuesday said the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruling demanding the release of jailed former co-chairman of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) Selahattin Demirtas was "not our concern". Responding the reporters at the parliament, Recep Tayyip Erdogan said, "Decisions the ECHR make are not of our concern.'

Erdogan recalled that ECHR has many

rulings on terror groups and they were all against those made by Turkish courts. "There are also so many things we can do against it [ECHR's decision]. We will do a counter move, and close the deal," said Erdogan.

He added: "Terrorism is still continuing in Turkey and the Turkish nation is the one who pays the price.'

Demirtas had been detained during Turkey's referendum and... MORE DETAILS



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