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‘Praising Gezi Park protests is supporting terrorism’



Turkish presidents calls supporters of 2013 protests anti-development

By Sibel Ugurlu, Nilay Kar Onum and Fatih Hafiz Mehmet

ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday that those who praise the 2013 Gezi Park protests are supporters of terror groups like PKK and Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO). Addressing the 43rd mukhtars meeting at the presidential complex, Erdogan said: “Gezi means to stand against all those efforts and projects to develop and take Turkey a step further.”

In the summer of 2013, a relatively small demonstration in Istanbul’s Gezi Park grew into a nationwide wave of protests against the government that left eight protesters and a police officer dead.

The government later said the demonstrations were an attempt to overthrow it by FETO members who had infiltrated the police and courts.

FETO and its U.S.-based leader Fetullah Gulen orchestrated the defeated coup attempt on July 15, 2016 which left 251 people dead and nearly 2,200 injured.

Turkey accuses FETO of a long-running campaign to overthrow the state through the infiltration of Turkish institutions, particularly the military, police, and judiciary.

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Turkey gives list of 84 FETO members to US

ANKARA - Turkey has given the United States a list of 84 members of the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) that it wants American authorities to extradite, the nation’s foreign minister said Tuesday.

Speaking to Turkish reporters at Ankara’s embassy in Washington, Mevlut Cavusoglu said he delivered the list to his American counterpart, Mike Pompeo,

and White House national security advisor John Bolton. Earlier, Cavusoglu and Pompeo held a 45-minute meeting at the State Department, where they discussed bilateral and regional issues as well as the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

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Turkey drills wells for 400,000 in N. Syria

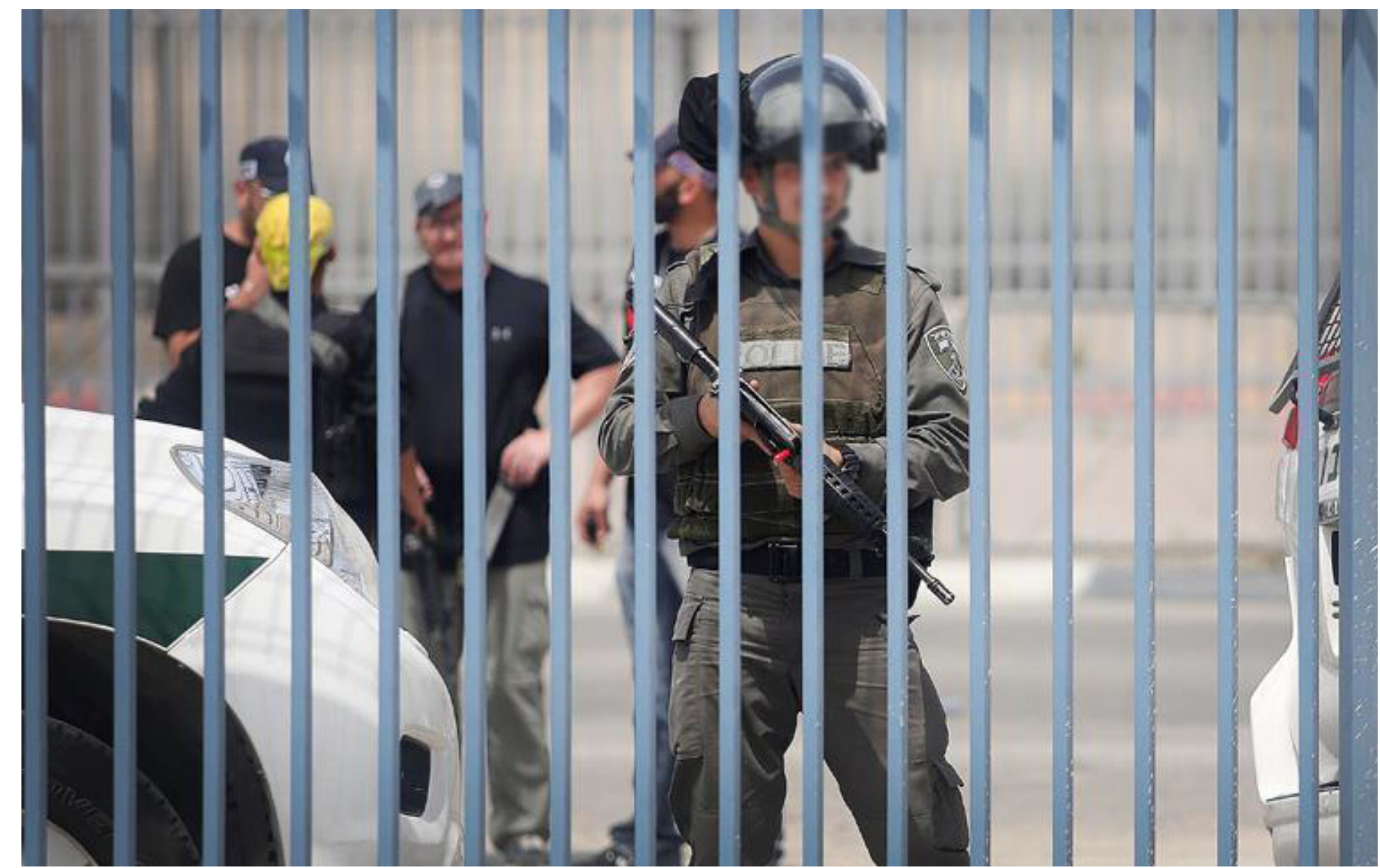
ANKARA - Turkey has drilled nearly 70 wells to meet the water needs of over 400,000 people in northern Syria, in a region recently liberated from terrorists, Turkish officials said Wednesday.

“We’re working hard to meet the water demands of those ... who live in places where a safe zone has been

established in Syria through the operations of our heroic security forces,” said Mevlut Aydin, the head of Turkey’s Waterworks Directorate (DSI).

The 69 wells, drilled by the directorate in an area of Syria liberated by the Turkish-led Operation Euphrates Shield in 2016-2017, meet the urgent drinking... [MORE DETAILS](#)

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Ankara urges bigger, reformed UNSC

By Betul Yuruk

NEW YORK - Turkey on Tuesday urged reforms to the UN Security Council, calling for an expansion of its membership ranks.

“The council will be more representative and responsive if reforms increase the number of elected seats and gives the possibility of all member states

serving,” Feridun Sinirlioglu, Turkey’s UN ambassador, said during an UN General Assembly debate on reform plans.

Sinirlioglu said that the veto right of the Security Council’s permanent members “serves nothing other than the national interests of those who have the privilege.”

He said this veto is the reason why the... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey’s assistance hits \$9.3B in 2017

ANKARA - Turkey’s total development assistance to other countries amounted to \$9.3 billion in 2017, according to the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) on Wednesday.

The country’s total development assistance, including official and private flows, saw an annual hike of nearly 17.5 percent last year, up from \$7.9 billion in 2016. Official data showed that 87 percent of... [MORE DETAILS](#)