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# Excluding Turkey, denying its EU candidacy ‘no use’

*Turkey expects full EU membership and it shouldn't be faced with political obstacles, says Mevlut Cavusoglu*

ANKARA - Making statements excluding Turkey in the EU accession process or denying its candidacy is of “no use”, Turkey’s foreign minister said on Thursday. Turkey expects full EU membership and it “shouldn’t be faced with political obstacles,” Mevlut Cavusoglu said during a joint news conference with EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini and EU Neighborhood Policy Minister Johannes Hahn in the capital Ankara. According to Cavusoglu, each political obstacle set by the bloc against... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## ‘World is more polarized after Trump’

IZMIR - The 2016 presidential election in the U.S. has upset the world, creating a new global crisis, the Turkish parliament speaker said Thursday. Binali Yildirim, who attended an economic forum in the western Turkish province of Izmir, slammed U.S. government policies after President Donald Trump took office in November 2016.

“Especially after the U.S. election, the world became more polarized. Protectionism and arbitrary decisions [of the U.S. government] has accelerated an unpredictable global crisis,” he said. Yildirim added that direct and indirect sanctions imposed by Washington on Turkey, Iran and Russia had affected the whole region. He said regional... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## Turkey alone hosts 15 pct of refugees in world

SEOUL - Turkey alone hosts around 15 percent of the refugees in the world, according to a lawmaker of Turkey’s ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party on Thursday. Addressing the 15th

International Parliamentary General Meeting held in Seoul, Abdullah Guler, the head of parliament’s Turkey-South Korea parliamentary friendship group said Turkey hosts around 3.5 million Syrian refugees. [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Turkish students sell fruit to raise funds for Gaza



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## OPINION – Prospects for truce in Yemen



By Samuel Ramani

OXFORD - On November 15, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced the temporary cessation of coalition airstrikes on Yemen’s port city of Hodeidah, which borders the Red Sea. While several Yemeni security personnel stated that the

GCC coalition could resume its airstrikes in Hodeidah, if Houthi rebels attacked their military personnel, this unexpected air raid suspension gave new impetus to a seemingly moribund Yemen peace process. In the days that followed the Arab coalition’s Hodeidah announcement, representatives... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Nobel laureate calls for end to war in Yemen

By Umar Farooq

WASHINGTON - The war in Yemen must come to an end, and Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates must be held accountable for the destruction they caused, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate said Wednesday. In an opinion piece for The Washington Post, Tawakkol Karman, a Yemeni journalist, wrote that the war... [MORE DETAILS](#)

