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Turkish president unveils 2nd 100-day action plan



First 100-day plan was announced in early August

ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Thursday unveiled the second 100-day action plan of Turkey's presidential Cabinet in the capital Ankara. The first 100-day plan was also announced by Erdogan on August 3, which included actions in areas of foreign policy, defense, economy, transportation, energy, tourism, and education. Among others, the first 100-day plan included the opening of the Istanbul Airport, one of the world's largest airports, the launching of the country's first space agency and the approval of the environmental impact assessment and survey project works of

Canal Istanbul, an artificial sea-level waterway that will connect the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara and the Mediterranean, is planned to be completed by 2023. Speaking at the Presidential complex, Erdogan said that out of 400 goals in the first action plan, 340 of them were completed, which corresponded to 97 percent of the overall targets. He said the second action plan will see intensified efforts to undo the networks of the Fetullah Terrorist Organization abroad, especially to target the financial resources of the group. He said: "We are starting the construction of part of TurkStream... **MOREDETAILS**



9 killed, 47 injured in high-speed train crash

ANKARA - At least nine people were killed and 47 others injured when a high-speed train crashed into a pilot engine traveling along the same rails in the capital Ankara, Turkey's transportation and infrastructure minister said on Thursday. Nine people were killed, including three mechanics, while 47 others were injured, Cahit Turhan said. The head-on collision between the high-speed train and the pilot engine, which was returning from checking the rails, occurred around

six minutes after the first departure from Ankara terminal at 06.30 (0330GMT), Turhan added. He also said that there is no injured under wreck. After the crash a pedestrian overpass also collapsed onto some of the train cars, according to the Ankara governor's office. The train was en route to Konya in central Turkey. Meanwhile, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been informed about the accident by Turhan and Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu. **MOREDETAILS**



Turkey establishes space agency

ANKARA - Turkey's official gazette published a presidential decree Thursday announcing the establishment of the country's space agency. The Turkey Space Agency will prepare and carry out the National Space Program in line with the policies determined by the president of Turkey, according to the decree. The agency will have financial and administrative autonomy as well as a special budget. In August, Industry and Technology Minister

Mustafa Varank said a Turkish space agency would be founded this year, as it was set out in Turkey's 100-day action plan. "Work to form the Turkish space agency will be completed as soon as possible," Varank said in a statement. The new agency will pave the way for the establishment of a competitive indigenous industry, he said. "We are forming the Turkish space agency in order to... **MOREDETAILS**

Syrian Arab, Turkmen tribes hail Turkish op.



By Muslim Etku

SANLIURFA - Syrian Turkmen and Arab Tribal Association said Thursday it expected an immediate Turkish intervention east of the Euphrates River to ensure Syrians' return to their homeland. In a statement, the association praised Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's plan to launch an operation to clear YPG/PKK terrorists from the region. "Terror group PKK, which has separated people from their homeland, forcefully recruited children, planted weed [marijuana] on our soils, has committed countless... **MOREDETAILS**

Israeli PM defends Saudi over Khashoggi's murder



JERUSALEM - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned against destabilizing Saudi Arabia over the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, according to a statement issued by his office. "What happened in Istanbul is nothing short of horrific. But it's balanced by the importance of Saudi Arabia and the role it

plays in the Middle East," Netanyahu told reporters in response to a question about Khashoggi's murder inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul in October. "Because if Saudi Arabia would be destabilized, the world, not the Middle East, will be destabilized," Netanyahu said. Saudi Arabia initially denied any role in Khashoggi's... **MOREDETAILS**